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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application (Small Entity) under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:

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For: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR BENCHMARKING IN A  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Application Elements:

- 375 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
 195 Sheets of Drawings  
 \*\* Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of **\$40.00** enclosed)  
 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
 Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment  
 Return Receipt Postcard  
 Small Entity Statement(s)  
 Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)  
 Other:

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BASIC FEE				\$355 \$355.00	OR	\$710 \$
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